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Republican National Committee-RNC
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Washington, DC 20003

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Dear Mr. Pointevint:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Schedule C discloses \$4,500,000 in payment(s) this period to Signet Bank; however, there are \$4,000,000 in payments reflected on your disbursement schedules. Please amend your report to clarify this discrepancy.

-Schedule C-1 of your report discloses the receipt of two draws on your line of credit extended by Signet Bank totaling \$5,000,000. These two draws are also recorded on Schedule A supporting Line 13 of the Detailed Summary Page; however, Schedule C discloses the original amount of your outstanding obligation to be \$5,500,000. The Schedule C figure appears to incorporate a past draw on the line of credit which has already been repaid. Please amend your report to clarify this discrepancy. As loans must be continuously reported until extinguished, it may be necessary to amend the loan schedules for subsequent reports.

-Please clarify all expenditures made for media costs and media buys disclosed as administrative expenses on Schedules B and H4. If a portion or all of these expenditures were made on behalf of specifically identified federal candidates, this amount should be disclosed on Schedule B or F supporting Line 23 or 25 and include the amount, name, address and office sought by each candidate. 11 CFR §104.3(b)

-Itemized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why the disbursements were made. Please amend Schedule H4 of your report to clarify the following description(s): Event Costs. For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes of disbursements, please refer to 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3).

-Schedule B supporting Line 22 of your report discloses several entries for checks written to Mahoney & Assoc. which were subsequently voided. Since payments to this vendor represent transfers of in-kind services to several different state party committees, it is important to specify who the intended recipients of these voided payments were, in addition to the date of the original disbursements. Please provide the original state party recipient for each voided entry to clarify your transactions for the public record.

A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our tell-free number, (800) 424-9530. My local number is (202) 219-3580.

Sincerely,

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